

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
AIR QUALITY POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, June 18, 1998
MAG Office Building
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilmember Larry Morrison, Town of
Gilbert, Chairman
*Vice Mayor Don Prior, City of Scottsdale
Councilmember Dave Siebert, City of
Phoenix
Ian Calkins, Phoenix Chamber of
Commerce
*Councilmember Pat Dennis, City of Peoria
Councilmember Martin Samaniego, City of
Glendale
*Sharyn Seitz, Scottsdale Citizen
*Joe Drazek, Phoenix Citizen
Carla Consoli, Valley Forward Association
*Lennox Gordon, Motorola
*Councilmember Martin Sepulveda, City of
Chandler
William Robson, Mesa Citizen
Ken Driggs, Regional Public Transportation
Authority

*Senator Rusty Bowers, Arizona Senate
*Supervisor Mary Rose Garrido Wilcox,
Maricopa County Board of Supervisors
*Vice Mayor Pat Gilbert, City of Mesa
Pete Gorraiz, Central Arizona Labor Council
*Councilmember Joseph Spracale, City of
Tempe
*Vice Mayor Sylvia Yoder, Town of Paradise
Valley
David Feuerherd, Arizona Lung Association
Johanna M. Kuspert for Al Brown, Maricopa
County Environmental Services Department
Cathy O'Connell for Ira Domskey, Arizona
Department of Environmental Quality
Pat Cupell, Arizona Department of
Transportation
Representative Linda Gray, Arizona House of
Representatives

*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

OTHERS PRESENT

Lindy Bauer, MAG
Mike Short, City of Tempe
Doug Kukino, City of Glendale
Gaye Knight, City of Phoenix
Allan Kosecki, MAG
Michael Golden, MAG

Chris Voigt, MAG
Andrea Martincic, Tosco
Don Gabrielson, Pinal County Air Quality
Department
Susan Anable, State Senate Staff

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee was conducted on Thursday, June 18, 1998 at noon. Councilmember Larry Morrison, Gilbert, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

2. Approval of the April 23, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 23, 1998 meeting. Ken Driggs, Regional Public Transit Authority, moved and Pete Gorraiz, Central Arizona Labor Council, seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the minutes from the April 23, 1998 meeting.

Chairman Morrison introduced the new members of the MAG Air Quality Policy Committee: Carla Consoli representing Valley Forward Association, Ian Calkins representing the Phoenix Chamber of Commerce, State Representative Linda Gray representing District 16, Councilmember David Seibert representing the City of Phoenix, and Supervisor Mary Rose Wilcox representing Maricopa County.

3. New Federal Law on the 1991 Carbon Monoxide Federal Implementation Plan

Allan Kosecki, MAG, indicated that on May 1, 1998, Congress signed an appropriations bill which included a provision to prohibit the implementation of the Moderate Area Carbon Monoxide Federal Implementation Plan (FIP). The FIP included two fuel measures which the state passed in 1992. Also, the FIP included a contingency process to be implemented if the state had violations after 1991. This process could have delayed certain capacity enhancing highway projects up to 10 months. The FIP also included a conformity procedure required to be conducted along with the federal and state conformity procedures.

4. Legislative Update

Susan Anable, State Senate Staff, gave a presentation on the legislation passed by the State Legislature. SB 1427 was the largest piece of legislation pertaining to air quality. The legislation includes a number of provisions relating to vehicle repair assistance, ozone measures, fireplaces, fuels, remote sensing, and particulate emissions. The legislation also expands Area A boundaries, requires the state to participate in the National Low Emission Vehicle Program, and appropriates funds to a number of air quality studies.

Other legislation that was passed by the legislature include, HB 2347 which requires CARB II with ethanol in the winter and SB 1269 which provides new and expanded incentives for alternative fuel vehicles

David Feuerherd, Arizona Lung Association, asked why ethanol is required with CARB II.

Ms. Anable indicated that Representative Nichols was concerned with the possible negative health effects of MTBE.

5. Status Report on the Serious Area Plans for Carbon Monoxide and PM-10

Mr. Kosecki indicated that due to the long legislative session MAG is behind schedule to submit the carbon monoxide plan. Originally, the plan was scheduled to be submitted at the end of July. Now, however, since the legislative session was longer than expected and the MAG Regional Council is not scheduled to meet in August, the carbon monoxide plan will not be submitted until September. The plan will be submitted late because EPA advised MAG to wait until after the legislative session to submit the plan in order to use legislative measures to demonstrate attainment. MAG will work with ADEQ, Maricopa County Environmental Services Department, and ADOT in evaluating the new measures.

The PM-10 Plan is still on schedule to be submitted in December. This would give EPA enough time to approve the plan in time for the August sanctions deadline. The PM-10 Plan was due in December 1997. However, EPA advised MAG to delay the submittal until the extension request is complete. MAG will need commitments for six measures from local governments. They include: Clean Burning Fireplace Ordinances, unpaved roads and alleys, unpaved shoulders on targeted arterials, unpaved parking lots, vacant disturbed lots, and PM-10 efficient street sweeping.

The South Coast Air Quality Management District is currently working on a test to certify PM-10 efficient street sweepers. The test will be available for public review in July. After the test has been finalized, MAG will form a stakeholders group to facilitate discussions between local governments and manufacturers. MAG intends to conduct a pilot test in order to evaluate the economical and technical feasibility of PM-10 efficient street sweepers in the area.

Chairman Morrison asked when a copy of the carbon monoxide plan will be available for review.

Mr. Kosecki indicated that a document should be available for public review in July.

6. Final Most Stringent Measure Report

Mr. Kosecki indicated that on April 29, 1998, the MAG Regional Council took action to approve fourteen potential measures for consideration which may be the most stringent in any State for PM-10 sources located in the Maricopa nonattainment area and requested that the potential implementing entities consider them for implementation, if feasible. Many of the measure are under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County, while some of the measures have already been addressed by the State Legislature. The CARB Diesel measure was not addressed by the Legislature.

7. Call to The Public

An opportunity was then provided to members of the public to address the Air Quality Policy Committee. No comments were presented.

8. Next Meeting

Chairman Morrison indicated that the next meeting would be July 16, 1998.